THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) During the last five years there have been 17 accidents. However, for the accident at Kaikalur near Vijayawada on 03.03.2002 of M/s. Deccan Aviation's Bell-206 helicopter (having a single engine in which three persons including Shri G.M.C. Balyogi, former Speaker, Lok Sabha received fatal injury), Committee headed by Lt. General A. Natarajan was appointed. This Committee had made three recommendations, which are being implemented by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(c) and (d) To the extent possible safety standards as enunciated by International Civil Aviation Organisation are followed by DGCA.

Under utilisation of cargo capacity of IA

3406. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines aircraft cargo capacity remained unutilised in the last couple of years resulting into a loss of Rs. 369.25 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to check the declining trend in the carriage of cargo?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The cargo carriage and revenue earned by Indian Airlines have shown increasing trend over the last three years. Even then, Indian Airlines has launched aggressive marketing schemes and is taking measures like cargo computerization with track and trace facility on the net, having its own cargo website on the net, entering into prorata agreements with various airlines to increase cargo carriage etc. to improve the cargo tonnage/ revenue further.